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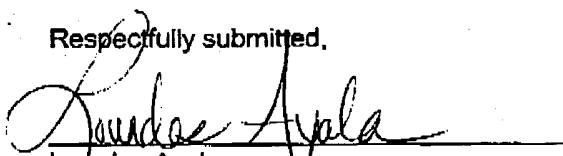
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1. Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment

was sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by telefax to the attention of Examiner Ponnaluri Padmashri., fax number (703) 872-9306.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Examiner has informed Applicants that their response to the restriction requirement, filed on November 19, 2003, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the species election of "Fungal and Bacterial" is not proper. The Examiner states that Applicants are required to elect a single species, that is, either Fungal or Bacterial.


Applicants hereby elect the species of "Fungal."

The election of Group I, claims 1-7 is with traverse, for the detailed reasons set forth in the response of November 19, 2003. In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that at least Group I, Group II, Group III and Group V are clearly improperly subject to a restriction requirement.

The Office is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

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